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Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on October 23, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cocopah Community Center.

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 3:28 p.m.

Members Present: H. Jill McCormick, Chair; Dr. Michael Reed, Vice Chair; Paul Soto; Gina Nierenhausen; Ines Pampara; Cristina Solorzano

Members Present Via Conference Call: Patricia R. Weissenberg

Members Excused: Rev. Deal Begay; Christie Stevens

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair McCormick provided the Regional Council with the opportunity to declare a conflict of interest regarding any items on the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

Approval of September 5 and September 6, 2012 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Dr. Reed moved to approve the minutes of the September 5 and September 6, 2012, Regional Council meetings. The motion was seconded by Member Soto with the stipulation to amend the September 5, 2012 meeting minutes as discussed, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Chairs and Vice Chairs Leadership Forum

Dr. Reed attended the Chair and Vice Chairs Leadership Forum on October 3, 2012 and provided a brief update on the discussion held at the forum.

FY2014 Funding Plan Recommendation

Regional Director Ashley Pascual engaged the Regional Council in a discussion of the FY2014 Funding Plan, recommendations and funding process. At a prior meeting the Regional Council approved a decrease in the FY2014 funding level for the Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy to accommodate and ensure continued funding for the Home Visitation strategy. The Regional Council revisited the three-year strategic direction and agreed with the recommendations in the funding plan. Regional Director Pascual explained there will be a temporary deficit in FY2015 for planning purposes, which is in alignment with the State Board policy to spend down the First Things First Fund Balance. Regional Director Pascual discussed the timeline including the presentation of a final draft of the Funding Plan for approval at the December Regional Council Meeting.

Member Soto moved to approve the FY2014 Funding Plan draft and timeline. The motion was seconded by Member Pampara, and the motion carried by a unanimous vote by all members present.

Director's Report

Regional Director Pascual provided a brief review of the FY2013 Financial Expenditures which included the a breakdown of expenditures for the Statewide Evaluation, Food Security, Home Visitation, Parent Outreach and Awareness and Quality First strategies. Regional Director announced the Board approved the 2012 Needs and Assets Report. Ongoing efforts continue to recruit to fill the vacancies in the Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council. Regional Director Pascual reported the amended job posting for the Early Steps program will soon be available, as all signatures had been obtained for the amendment. Family, Friend and Neighbor continue to provide trainings at the Cocopah Community Center and will possibly be presenting at the December 5, 2012 regional council meeting.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

Member Nierenhausen announced the Red Ribbon Ceremony for the new baseball field, and added that volunteers are needed to assist at the Halloween Carnival.

Next Meeting

The Regional Council will not meet on November 7, 2012. The next Regional Partnership Council Meeting will occur December 5, 2012, at 3:00 p.m., at the Cocopah Community Center.

Adjournment

Chair McCormick adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Marie Megui, Administrative Assistant III

H. Jill McCormick, Chair, Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council